

## MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN "PROMISE"

We promise to walk in the way of Jesus' love by: Looking for the God seed in all people while practicing healthy processes of inclusiveness, showing grace and honesty.

- Building-up community by showing Hospitality, Equality and speaking truth in love.
- Willing to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit with our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we grow spiritually and are transformed in God's love, grace and peace.
- Study, Practice, and Commitment to Forbearance\* as we search for common ground.
- Joyously Celebrating Life.

\*Forbearance:

*Forbearance is a Biblical concept.*

*The Greek words in the New Testament translated as carry meanings of patience self-control, restraint, mercy, long-suffering and the refusal to threaten (EPH. 4:2; COL 3:13, EPH 6:9, 11COR 12:6)*

*Forbearance does not jeopardize or denigrate individual conviction, but it does place boundaries on the quality and character of individual responses.*

*Forbearance does not require one to accept what another believes, but it does require one listen and try to understand what another believes without demeaning, personal attacks, or acting to disenfranchise the other person.*

### GROUP GATHERINGS after Fellowship

Children 4 and under

Children under 9 yrs

Children 10 yrs and

**TEMPORARILY  
CANCELED**

/ Keri Anderson,  
Sharon Lemmon  
Catherine Roebuck

### Adult Group Gathering

Adult Group Discussion – 11:00 a.m. following Worship on ZOOM + Board Room  
International Lesson

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Right Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed

## MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.*

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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



We have a Children's Play area set up in the sanctuary for parents with young children. We understand and accept that it isn't easy for young children to sit still throughout the service. The play area is along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary.

We ask that the parents sit close to the play area since this isn't supervised by anyone. God Bless the Children.



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren August 2, 2020



# Community of Compassion

**August 2, 2020**  
**Theme: The power of compassion**

Welcome and Announcements

Opening prayer

Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

NT #16

Prelude      *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*      (Youtube)  
                         Susan Boyle

Message      **Community of Compassion**      Pastor Janet Shaver

Opening song      *Ubuntu*      Screen  
                         Ken Medema

Hymn      *God of the Bible*      Screen  
                         Sing the Story Hymnal

*You are invited to send your offering in or drop it off at the church. Please call ahead to make sure someone is available to receive it.*

Offering prayer

Open our eyes to see the beauty around us: Then, open them more to see the ever-present poverty.  
Open our ears to hear the laughter of our children: Then, open them more to hear the cries of the needy.  
Open our hearts to receive the joy of life: Then, open them more to share the pain of another.  
Open our hands to grasp the hand of a friend: Then, open them more to help a desperate stranger.  
Open our wallets widest of all to give generously through Jesus who gives generously to the world. May it be so, Amen

Blessing for the Road

Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed you.  
Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly.  
Live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence.  
Walk in God's paths and never stray.

And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere;  
May Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word;  
And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in you  
.....and fill you with God's presence always.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
.....***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

Joys and Concerns

Postlude

Prayer Response      Holy Spirit, Come to Us      (YouTube)

## August 2, 2020 Announcements

**TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE** go to mcob.org, bottom left of page where you will click on YouTube. Toward the top, click on “Live.” It doesn’t go live until Mark activates it, so if it isn’t there immediately, leave the page and try again.

**Julie Bontrager is teaching the international lesson each Sunday at 11:00 am.** As usual, you have been sent the Zoom invitation. Also as usual, you will **actually be seeing each other.**



**ANNOUNCEMENT:** You are invited to join the weekly **Tuesday Zoom discussion** from 10:30am – 11:30am. The host will pose a question and all can join in to discuss your answers. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and Julie Bontrager will be hosting. The topic: *What was your best vacation ever and what was your worst vacation ever?*

**An email was sent to everyone regarding the possibility of changing this discussion event to evening. Your responses are coveted!**

**Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help at the food pantry during JULY, plus the donations of items to help stock it.**

**FOOD PANTRY** - Supplies are always being collected; however, these items are always especially needed: cooking oil, all personal hygiene items, and toothpaste. Also, you may donate money for milk vouchers. Bring your donations to the church.

Last winter the **Bell Family** came to the Thursday community meals and began attending our worship services; they are looking forward to returning when we are open again. They are: Tony & Julie, Justice 11, Jaiya 10, Jade 8, and twins Roman and Aurora 5.

If anyone would like to reach out, send birthday cards, etc., their address follows: 53218 Palmetto Dr., Middlebury, IN 46540

We continue to receive **The Upper Room** devotionals and you are welcome to stop in the office during the week or on Sunday when the building is unlocked (if you don’t have a key) and pick yours up. The other option now is to receive it online. Go to: <https://www.upperroom.org>, go to bottom section and find *The Upper Room* daily devotional.

**All women are invited** to coffee in the park on Thursday mornings at 9:30. Bring your own drink and chair and meet in front of the quilt garden at Krider park. The setting is casual as will be the conversation.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

August 2, 2020

Please notify Dalis Andrews in the church office if you would like to add a prayer request, share a joy, or if something should be removed.

- **Carol Stoner**, daughter of Bill Hawkins and Eleanor Hawkins, will have colon surgery on August 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Sharon Lemmon** is recovering from toe surgery; Joe also has health issues and care for both of them is a challenge
- Prayers for **Carm Cripe and his family**. He had an auto accident and has suffered a broken clavicle cuts and bruises. He is presently in the hospital and will eventually go to Courtyard when they have an opening. **Cards for Carm** should go to 14051 Claire Lane, Middlebury 46540
- **Marj Miller**, who lives in Staunton VA has shingles in her eye; she continues with cancer treatments. Additionally please pray that she finds a church she likes
- **Gary Black** who has been diagnosed with rectal cancer; on Wednesday they found that the cancer has spread into the muscle wall surrounding rectum. Surgery is no longer an option. Gary is in a lot of pain from the blockage and can’t take pain meds due to the heart problems. Monday 8/3 Gary & Renee have a meeting with the team of doctors; Renee asks for prayer for that team as they create a treatment plan for Gary.
- **Don Anderson**, who had surgery on July 20<sup>th</sup> to remove a growth that was developing into melanoma; he is recovering from the surgery that included a skin graft. Also for the healing of Don’s broken arms.
- For **Dixie Weaver**, who has chosen to stop chemo therapy. Her wish is for prayers of gratitude for all her blessings. She has stated that quality over quantity is most important to her and she asks that prayers of support contain joy and love.
- **Sophia Bendes**, 4 ½ yrs old, granddaughter of Pastor Mark Bendes from Yellow Creek CoB, lost her battle with cancer on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Bendes family close in prayer.
- For all **health care workers** and prayers for the end of the Coronaviru
- **Bill Wagner**, Martha Huebert’s brother, whose myelodysplasia syndrome (MDS) is progressively worsening. He will need 2 transfusions on Friday; there is a shortage of blood at this time
- **Emilie Boggs**, niece of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmler, who is out of rehab and continuing the process to reinstate custody of her daughter

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- Mike Byrd for declining health<sup>8/25</sup>
- Andy, Dalton and Gretchen Showalter
- Eleanor Hawkins for leg pain
- Carla Hawkins, daughter of Bill Hawkins and Eleanor Hawkins, for her infusion treatments
- Our peaceful existence in the world
- Little Lites Daycare
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Community
- EYN Nigerian COB healing and restoration